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Cc: [Fleming, Sheila](#); [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Concerns about my work space & indoor air
Date: Wednesday, September 03, 2014 11:45:14 AM
Attachments: [Indoor Air MK 1993.pdf](#)

Just to reinforce the issue that these problems are recurring and that the management response has not improved over the multiple moves that I have experienced at EPA R10, here is a note that had been given to me by (b) (6) in one of the previous move and indoor air blunders (yes, we had one in 1985 or so, and another in 1994 or so, and now the 2014 experience).

I just happen to be moving things around at home while bringing files back to the office after the move and found this apparently "timeless" EPA management and indoor air note.

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From: Kelly, Joyce
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Subject: RE: Concerns about my work space

Hello (b) (6),

I'm sorry to hear of the concerns about your work space on 14. I previously wrote to Mary Kay to raise the concerns I'd heard and the reactions that some in OEA expressed to me and/or to their direct supervisor upon moving to the new space. Some of the physical reactions that you mention, such as irritation in the throat and headaches, were encountered by others. With the help of our Risk Evaluation Unit and the Health and Safety Program, we proposed corrective actions and we're waiting for the determination. For now, you may want to continue to work in a flex cube on a floor that has not yet been remodeled and/or telework.

Joyce

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From: (b) (6)

Sent: Thursday, August 28, 2014 10:10 AM

To: Kelly, Joyce; Voytilla, Marykay

Cc: Fleming, Sheila; Pirzadeh, Michelle

Subject: Concerns about my work space

Hi Joyce and Marykay,

This purpose of this email is to document some serious health concerns that I have about our new work space. Monday I arrived in the office around 6 and within a half hour of being in my space my eyes were stinging and I was finding it hard to focus on my computer screen. As the day progressed I continued to have unusual symptoms including swelling of my hands, irritation in my throat, joint pain in my knees, and headache. I left work at 1:30 because I was feeling so badly that I was unable to get any work completed. By about 5:00 pm that day I was feeling fine. Tuesday I came into work and experienced similar symptoms. I could not leave to work at home because I had a meeting scheduled for late in the day with several people in the Elwah room. When (b) (6) arrived on our floor for the meeting he mentioned to me that he felt his eyes stinging within 5 minutes of being in the conference room. By the end of this meeting my knee joints were in so much pain I had to limp to the bus and I felt sick much of the evening. I took Wednesday off and all these symptoms went away. I have now been in the office for approximately 4 hours and all of the symptoms listed above started within a half hour of entering the 14th floor. I am not a chemically sensitive person and I have been on numerous superfund sites with significant contamination over the 20 plus years I have worked for the EPA. I have never experienced such obvious reactions to some type of chemical exposure as I have in our building this week. I am very concerned about what I am being exposed to that is causing all of these symptoms and further I am finding it very difficult to focus on my work. I am not sure what the appropriate corrective actions should be but there definitely needs to be some focused attention put to what is causing the health impacts on the 14th floor. Thanks (b) (6)

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